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Seeing 'New Englandly'







## KENDALL'S CORNER

# Literary Landscapes

What is it to see deeply, to see "New Englandly," as Emily Dickinson so perceptively put it?

In this issue of *Special Places*, Pulitzer Prize-finalist Megan Marshall discovers that it's not simply about imagining Hawthorne's Puritans or Thoreau's Walden Pond. Rather, it is about profoundly understanding a place inside and out – its shape, its creatures, its signs – and knowing that it is your own. The skill of seeing deeply, earned through countless adventures and explorations, is what connects us to the land and urges us to defend its future.

Today, as much as ever, we need to see New Englandly, need to hold onto the land and the distinct character of our communities that make it worth living here.

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home. It's about preserving the very real fabric that stretches from our past into our future: the natural systems, the contours of the land, the places where history and heritage mingle. Our recently released annual report details the first year of this effort and the variety of ways that we are recruiting many more people to the cause, caring for and sharing the places we own and manage, and being bolder in approaching the future. The big idea is that we are all in it together.

This issue revisits the origins of our conservation consciousness that began with Emerson and Thoreau and lives on in the starkly beautiful words and images of contemporary New England writers and artists.

We hope it is an inspiration to get out and explore with your family and friends. Because it is our delightful responsibility to help our children, our grandchildren, and their grandchildren see New Englandly so that they, too, will speak up for the places that cannot speak for themselves.

Andy Kendall  
PRESIDENT



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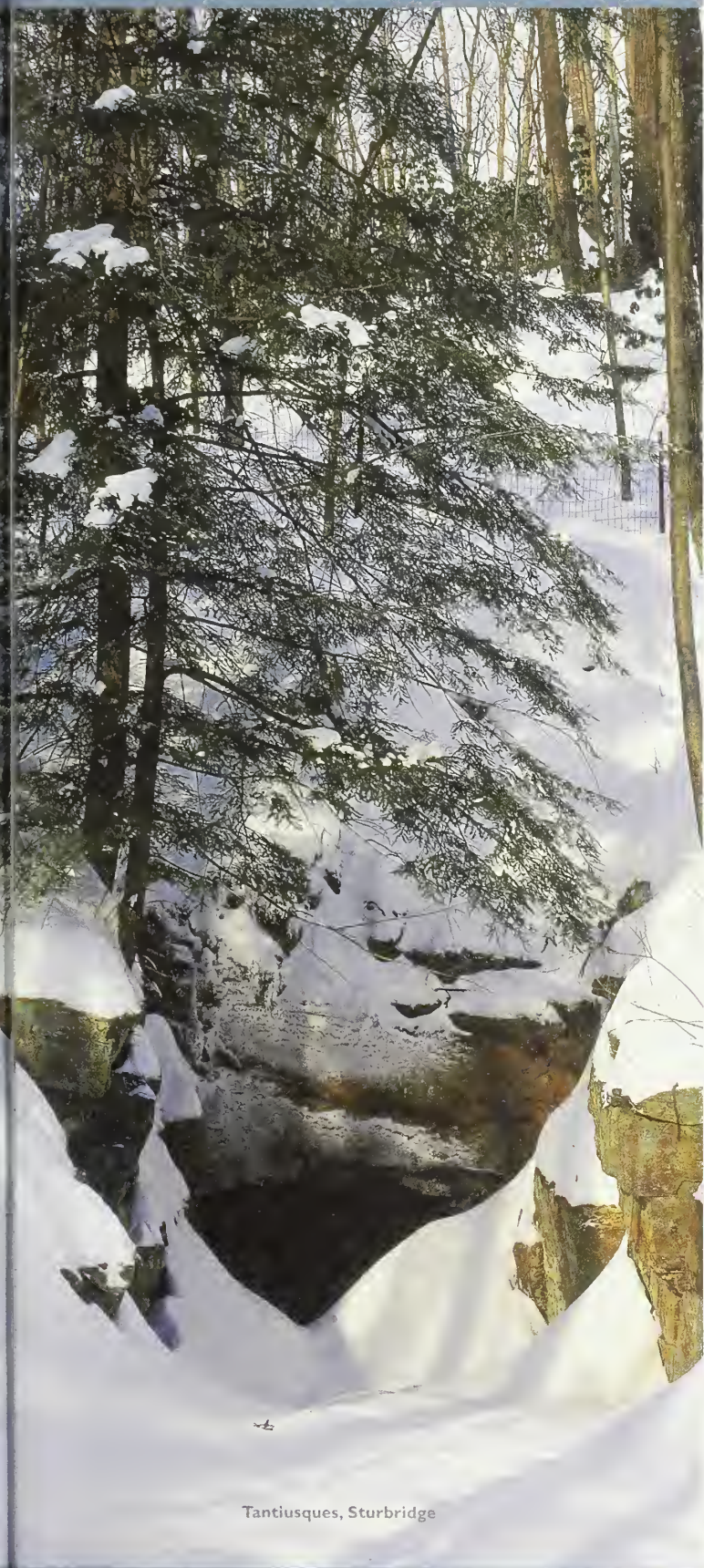


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# Seeing 'New

I GREW UP IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, A landscape and culture about as distant from New England's as any you can find in the continental United States. Until I came east for college, I'd never seen snow fall or a maple leaf turn red. Yet the house my family lived in had been designed, sometime in the 1920s, by two spinster sisters from New England. They'd moved to Pasadena believing the warm dry air would improve their health, and built a house that I always imagined mimicked their own back east: center-entrance colonial, white clapboards, green shutters, oak tree out front.



The Old Manse, Concord



COVER STORY

# Englandly'

By Megan Marshall



# The Robin's my Criterion for Tune –

Because I grow – where Robins do –

But, were I Cuckoo born –

## I'd swear by him –

The ode familiar – rules the Noon –

The Buttercup's, my Whim for Bloom –

Because, we're Orchard sprung –

But, were I Britain born,

## I'd Daisies spurn –

None but the Nut – October fit –

Because, through dropping it,

The Seasons flit – I'm taught –

Without the Snow's Tableau

Winter, were lie – to me –

## Because I see –

## New Englandly –

The Queen, discerns like me –

Provincially –

– EMILY DICKINSON

The Pasadena tree, broad and towering when I knew it, bore the small, spiny leaves of a California live oak, and they never fell to the ground in a carpet of orange and yellow. Otherwise, the McLellan sisters must have felt very much at home when they moved into their new house as aging invalids.

When the sisters died in the 1950s, they had no heirs, and my parents – moving up from a one-story tract home – bought the house fully furnished. Suddenly my little sister and I had twin maple four-posters and, better still, several shelves of children's books published in Boston in the 1880s. I grew up reading the McLellan sisters' editions of *Little Women*, *The Five Little Peppers*, and *What Katy Did*. Hard snowy winters, rivers that froze solid for skating, and the tree-lined country lanes of Concord, Massachusetts (where two of the three authors lived when they wrote their books), became as vivid to me as Nancy Drew's River Heights was to most girls my age.

I was lucky, because Concord – and Massachusetts – turned out to be a real place, populated in the 19th century with a score of gifted authors who fixed that landscape indelibly in words for future readers. When I entered high school, I could read the works of Hawthorne, Emerson, Thoreau, and Dickinson, which seemed distant at times to some of my classmates but never to me, and fill out the New England of my imagination with a wealth of historical, topographical, and horticultural detail. I came to know the troubled Puritans and persecuted Quakers of Hawthorne's tales; the sandy-bottomed ponds that captured



Monument Mountain, Great Barrington

Thoreau's fancy along with his "brute neighbors," the woodchuck, the loon, the mud turtle; and Dickinson's iris, aster, and anemone, bartsia, crocus, and rhodora, "so thick upon the plain" in her beloved Pioneer Valley. On a summer visit to Boston for college interviews, I insisted on a side trip to Concord to see Walden Pond. Like many pilgrims before and since, I felt the uncanny draw of Henry David Thoreau's cabin site and made my way there without needing to follow any signs. I had never been to Walden before, and yet I had.

In one of Emily Dickinson's poems that I read as a high school student, she writes, "I see – New Englandly." When I arrived in the Boston area for college, then settled here to raise a family, and later worked for two decades on a biography of three New England sisters who were part of the Concord circle, I often recalled that phrase. I believed I was seeing New Englandly when I walked the streets of Boston and managed to subtract

traffic lights, mini-skirted pedestrians, and honking taxicabs from my field of vision and replace them with the image of Louisa May Alcott striding across the Common in long skirts and scuffed boots to deliver a manuscript at the Old Corner Bookstore at School and Washington Streets.

Or when, climbing Monument Mountain in the Berkshires, I visualized a "champagne-brightened" Herman Melville showing off for his new friend Nathaniel Hawthorne at their famous picnic of August 1850 by clambering up "a peaked rock which ran out like a bowsprit" and hauling imaginary ropes.

Or when I was married on the lawn at Long Hill in Beverly and couldn't help but think that the summer retreat of Ellery Sedgwick, famed editor and publisher of the *Atlantic Monthly*, must have seen many far more significant gatherings than mine. Because Massachusetts existed first in my imagination, it was easy to go back there, with so many landmarks and touchstones still in place.



But when I read Dickinson's poem again recently, I realized, of course, that what she meant by "seeing New Englandly" was something quite different from the mental time-travel I so often enjoyed. Her poem celebrated what was, for her, the here and now: the local, the provincial, the way a person, writer or not, is stamped with the sensory experiences of childhood. We should all proudly sing the "ode familiar," Dickinson tells us.

Dickinson and the writers of her day were insisting on the validity of their New England experience in the face of a monolithic British culture – at a time when such insistence was radical and new. As Elizabeth Peabody, the oldest of the three sisters I wrote about, phrased it, a "more interior revolution" was taking place in American culture that would "give life" and meaning to the political freedom gained in the American Revolution. Mid-century New England was, Peabody wrote, a volatile time and place, in which "everything in the forms of society & almost in the forms of thought is in a state of flux." Writers and artists "unfettered" by the "weight of custom" were poised to create a new and distinctively American aesthetic.

Hawthorne wrote about New England Puritans and Quakers to show that America had a past as rich as the history that made Sir Walter Scott's novels so popular. Dickinson, Thoreau, and Ralph Waldo Emerson weren't competing with anybody; they were American originals, ready to stand squarely on the ground of New England and proclaim its merits *prima facie*.



## (Dickinson's) poem celebrated...the way a person, writer or not, is stamped with the sensory experiences of childhood.

Much of what they had to say derived from a deeply felt connection with nature, embedded in the new spiritual philosophy of Transcendentalism, which held that God was bodied forth in, and maybe even the same thing as, nature.

"We need the tonic of wildness," Thoreau wrote near the end of *Walden*. Emerson's first published book was called *Nature*; much of it written while living in Concord at the Old Manse, the family homestead later rented to the newlyweds Nathaniel Hawthorne and Sophia Peabody, who searched its grounds for arrowheads and paddled on the Concord River with their new

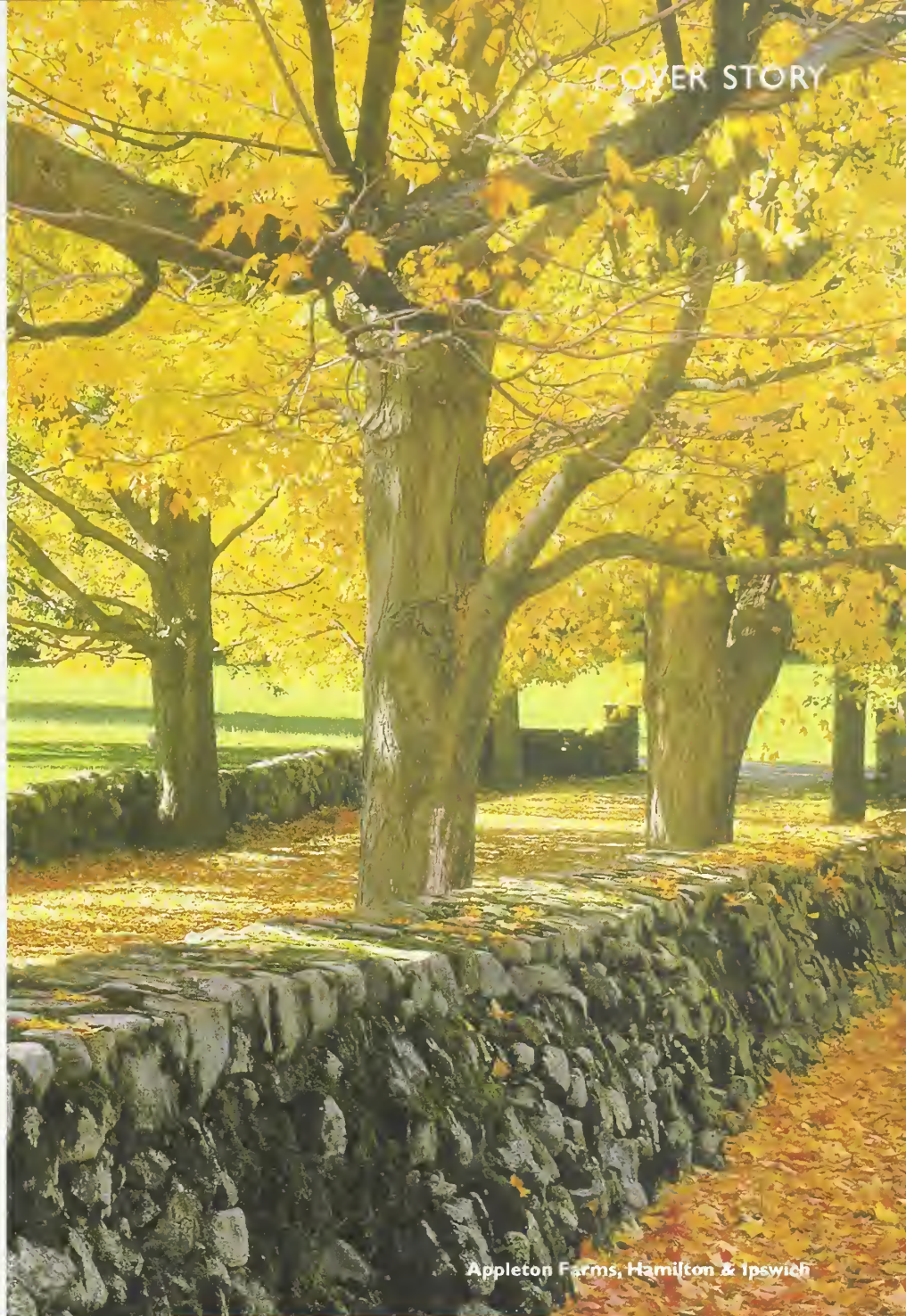
friend Thoreau. In Dickinson's poem, it was nature that told her she was an American, "Because I grow – where Robins do." The painfully shy poet issued the boldest claim of all: seeing "New Englandly" made her the equal of the Queen of England, who, Dickinson argued, can't help but see "Provincially" too.

"We can never have enough of nature," Thoreau declared. And yet, of the writers of his generation, he was the one who foresaw our abuse of the wild and spoke up first for preservation. "Thank God men cannot fly, and lay waste the sky as well as the earth,"



he wrote in a late journal entry. For Thoreau, “the West” was “but another name for the Wild.” Yet by the 1920s, New Englanders were building white clapboard houses there among the adobes and shingled bungalows and moving in for an uneventful retirement. By the 1960s, much of my southern California was an endless sprawl of tract houses, outdoor swimming pools, freeways, and parking lots. It took an immersion in the literature of New England, and a journey east, for me to find “nature” – the nature I had been seeing “New Englandly” all through my California girlhood, so lovingly preserved in Massachusetts by the grateful inheritors of its rich literary tradition.

*Megan Marshall's biography The Peabody Sisters: Three Women Who Ignited American Romanticism was awarded the Francis Parkman Prize by the Society of American Historians, the Mark Lynton History Prize, and the Massachusetts Book Award in nonfiction, and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in biography and memoir.*



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# Books for Snowy Nights

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The right books can light up the imagination and propel youngsters (and parents!) into wintry woods, across snow-mantled meadows, and beneath night skies filled with moonglow. And who better to chart a path than a children's librarian who loves the outdoors?

By April Mazza



*Every Autumn Comes the Bear*, by Jim Arnosky

Vermont author Arnosky introduces a bear that visits a farm every autumn before finding a hilltop den. Through the bear's search, kids learn about the seasons, hibernation, and animal behavior.

*Out of the Ocean*, by Debra Frasier

A young girl and her mother walk the beach and discover treasures cast up by the sea. Marvelous paper collage and photos illustrate the story.

*Henry Hikes to Fitchburg*, by D.B. Johnson

Young Henry David Thoreau – depicted as a bear in this New Hampshire writer's fable – walks through woods and fields, from Concord to Fitchburg, stopping to ponder nature and eat wild raspberries.

*On a Starry Night*, by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock

A girl and her mother climb the hill above their farm, watching and listening to the natural world around them, in Kinsey-Warnock's book inspired by her Vermont home.

*Walden*, passages selected by Steve Lowe

These selections from Thoreau's famous work are intended for older children with an emphasis on natural history and our connections to land.

*Stranger in the Woods*, by Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick

Animals emerge to wonder at (and nibble on) a strange visitor to their winter forest world – a snowman built by two children. The photograph of a deer munching the carrot nose is a wonder.

*Morning, Noon, and Night*, by Jean Craighead George

Many of the author's more than 100 books portray children who help preserve the environment and protect living creatures.

*Who's Been Here?* series, by Lindsay Barrett George

These books for younger children feature a brother and sister exploring nature. On one page the children find evidence of an animal and ask, "Who's been here?" On turning the page they find the answer.

*Stone Wall Secrets*, by Kristine and Robert Thorson

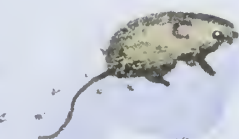
Older children will enjoy this Connecticut couple's tale of a boy and his grandfather ambling about the family farm and examining the stone walls that reveal its history.

*Owl Moon*, by Jane Yolen

In this Caldecott Medal winner, Pioneer Valley writer Yolen combines poetic text and delicate watercolors to tell of a father and daughter's trek into the moon-bright woods to seek the Great Horned Owl.

Looking for ideas for your own activities? Consider these books: *Kids Camp! Activities for the Backyard or Wilderness*, by Laurie Carlson and Judith Dammel; *The Kids Summer Handbook*, by Jan Drake and Ann Love; *Winter Book*, by Harriet Webster; and *Night Science for Kids: Exploring the World After Dark*, by Terry Krautwurst.

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With these stories to inspire you and your kids, it's time to head out for some good outdoor fun. Check out these properties for exciting winter explorations or choose from 89 others on our website, [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org).

### WHO MADE THOSE TRACKS?

Whitney and Thayer Woods

Route 3A, Cohasset; Turkey Hill Road, Hingham | 781.740.7233

At more than 800 acres, this expansive mix of woodlands and wetlands is laced with carriage roads and footpaths – which are traveled by animals and people alike. Deer, coyote, field mice, and wild turkey are among the residents whose activities are clearly recorded on the snow-covered trails.

Appleton Farms Grass Rides | Highland Street, Hamilton | 978.356.5728

With five miles of carriage roads crossing woods, fields, and wetlands, the Grass Rides offer plenty of places to search for animals, their tracks, the nuts and plants they've nibbled, and other signs of wild activity.

### SLEDDING

Dexter Drumlin | George Hill Road, Lancaster | 978.840.4446

This hillside meadow is a place of quiet repose and scenic views through most of the year. However, come winter – and snow – the reservation is transformed into a sledder's paradise. Especially on weekends, Dexter Drumlin is one of the most popular family winter destinations in central Massachusetts.

Cedariver | Forest Road, Millis | 781.784.0567

Unveiled to the public in October, this 55-acre former farm on the Charles River includes plenty of flat pastureland and woods. But the property also boasts an open hillside which, once the snow flies, will be just begging for sleds, coasters, and toboggans.



## CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING / SNOWSHOEING

Notchview | Route 9, Windsor | 413.684.0148

Recognized as one of the finest cross-country centers in the state, the 3,100-acre reservation gets lots of snow, thanks to its 2,000-foot elevation in the Berkshire Hills. Whether on skis or snowshoes, each family member will find ideal terrain, from groomed tracks to wide open fields, easy loops, and more invigorating ascents. And the cozy Budd Visitor Center is the perfect place to start out and wind up!

Rocky Woods | Hartford Street, Medfield | 781.784.0567

This landscape of rolling hills, forest, and marshy areas offers cross-country skiing and snowshoeing for all abilities. The bridle trails and old forest roads, especially the flat routes near the parking lot, are ideal for young families.

Moose Hill Farm | Moose Hill Street, Sharon | 781.784.0567

Explore the snow-muffled woods and white-blanketed fields of one of the newest, and most engaging, Trustees reservations. A loop trail circles much of the 347-acre property, and winter visitors can enjoy fine views from the pastureland on the upper

slopes of 466-foot Moose Hill. (The fields are also perfect for making snow angels.)

North Common Meadow/Brooks Woodland Preserve  
East Street and Quaker Drive, Petersham | 978.248.9455

These 25-acres of open field and a small pond in the town center are a perfect place for families to tromp around on snowshoes. The nearby country store is a handy choice when the kids (and you) have worked up an outdoors appetite. Explorers of Brooks Woodland Preserve can follow old carpaths and intimate trails for miles across the 700-acre property.

## EXPLORING BY MOONLIGHT

Exploring the woods under a full moon is unforgettable. Trustees properties where guided tours take place under moonlight magic this winter include the Swift River Reservation in Petersham; Weir Hill in North Andover; Ravenswood in Gloucester; Notchview in Windsor; and Appleton Farms in Ipswich and Hamilton. Refer to the Calendar of Events starting on PAGE 18 or visit [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org) for more information.

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# Contemporary

Who are the contemporary voices of New England speaking for our natural surroundings? They may not be household names, but they possess a keen wit, a sharp eye, and a sensitivity to the undercurrents of our environment.

John Hay's work lyrically illustrates how the natural world can reveal something about humanity, if only we stop long enough to pay attention. In books like *The Great Beach*, *The Immortal Wilderness*, *The Run*, and others, Hay encourages readers to see the connections between seemingly disparate events, like seasonal migrations, and what they reveal about humans' desire to know our way in the world. If you've never experienced his work, *The Way to the Salt Marsh: A John Hay Reader* is the place to start. Or plunge in with *The Prophet of Dry Hill*, a memoir by David Gessner that details his experience of spending a year with Hay. Gessner's other works,

*Return of the Osprey*; *A Wild, Rank Place*; *Sick of Nature*; and *Soaring with Fidel* are also insightful, especially for readers concerned about an increasingly nature-hostile world.

New Hampshire resident Sy Montgomery, a regular on NPR's *Living Earth*, is the longtime columnist for the *Boston Globe* whose pieces from her "Nature's Journal" were collected in *The Wild Out Your Window* in 2002. These excellent short pieces have about them a giddy sense of adventure – Montgomery all but dares you out of your chair to follow her as she takes you through the seasons, demonstrating with precision and wit how our world is full of natural mystery.

Robert Finch, author of the acclaimed *Common Ground: A Naturalist's Cape Cod*, recently published an astonishing piece of naturalist memoir, *The Primal Place*, which takes an in-depth look at a Cape Cod neighborhood whose relationship to the sea defines not only its natural setting, but the interior landscapes of its inhabitants. Finch expertly walks the fine line between the personal journey that lies at the heart of





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# Voices

By Mary Cotton

every memoir and how that journey is nuanced by the backdrop against which it plays out.

Photography offers another kind of testament and *Between Land and Sea: The Great Marsh* by Dorothy Kerper Monnelly is a wonderful complement to the written word. Monnelly's black and white photos of the salt marsh stretching along the coast of northern Massachusetts are stunning reminders of how beautiful, artful, and mysterious our local ecosystems can be. She says in the introduction, "I'm not an ecologist. Photography is my strongest voice. It's the best way for me to advocate for this landscape." Well said. For those of us who aren't nature writers or photographers, we can still appreciate, applaud, and be inspired by the works of those who are.

Mary Cotton, the owner of Newtonville Books in Newton, MA, is a contributor to Greater Boston, the public affairs program on WGBH-Channel 2.

ABOVE: Winter images from *Between Land and Sea: The Great Marsh*. A snow squall approaches Crane Beach while an oak leaf lies frozen in a stream. PHOTOGRAPH BY KERRY MONNELLY

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# 'A Happy Place'

The Long Hill guest book reveals the Sedgwick family at rest and at play By Susan Hill Dolan

LONG HILL IN BEVERLY IS RENOWNED for its gardens and grounds – and for the well-known and well-born figures who visited *Atlantic Monthly* editor and publisher Ellery Sedgwick and his family at their grand country house.

Yet an old, seemingly nondescript guest book may be the most charming witness to the North Shore social and literary salon presided over by the Sedgwicks at their Beverly estate. The book, which recorded the names and notations of Long Hill visitors from 1923 to 1955, is not only proof of who visited when. Its signatures, poems, illustrations, and in-jokes also provide insight into the Sedgwick's rich social and literary life, as well as into this special place where family

and professional life merged, and where landscape and literature played in concert.

THE FAMILIAR AND FAMOUS The long list of writers with whom Sedgwick corresponded includes Pearl S. Buck, E.M. Forster, Eugene O'Neil, and Virginia Woolf, as well as novelist J.P. Marquand and historian Arnold Toynbee, both of whom signed the Long Hill guest book.

Sedgwick, the first American publisher to print the works of Ernest Hemingway, loved his work as well as the writers and stories that were the heart and soul of it. Describing his role as editor he writes, "The clergymen indeed know men's souls better...but



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Long Hill.

1923 —

For. LONG HILL.

There seventy acres of his ground  
 Its grey stone walls are circled round  
 And here are gardens bright with lilies,  
 Where blossoms hang on ivy-covered eaves.  
 And here are woodlands ancient as the hills  
 Enfolding sunny spots of rockery.  
 But oh! that deep romantic charm slanted  
 Down the Long Hill athwart a cedarn cover  
 A wilderness as rugged & enchanted  
 Its e'er beneath a hunter's moon was haunted  
 By woman breeding for her woodsman husband.

ABOVE: The Long Hill guest book's first page notes the year it was begun and features  
 a handwritten ode — inserted years later, probably by Sedgwick's second wife Marjorie  
 — to the property's elegant grounds and gardens.



## PEOPLE AND PLACE

the roads men travel on earth and the kinds of men who travel them are best known to the editor."

In his memoirs, *The Happy Profession*, Sedgwick reflects on his long career: "Mine has been an old-fashioned ambition. For me the good life has been the contented life and, were I to live mine over again, I should aim at the same goal." Such it would seem for life at the family's estate at

Long Hill, where guests poured in, children were welcome, and literature, art, and nature provided the backdrop.

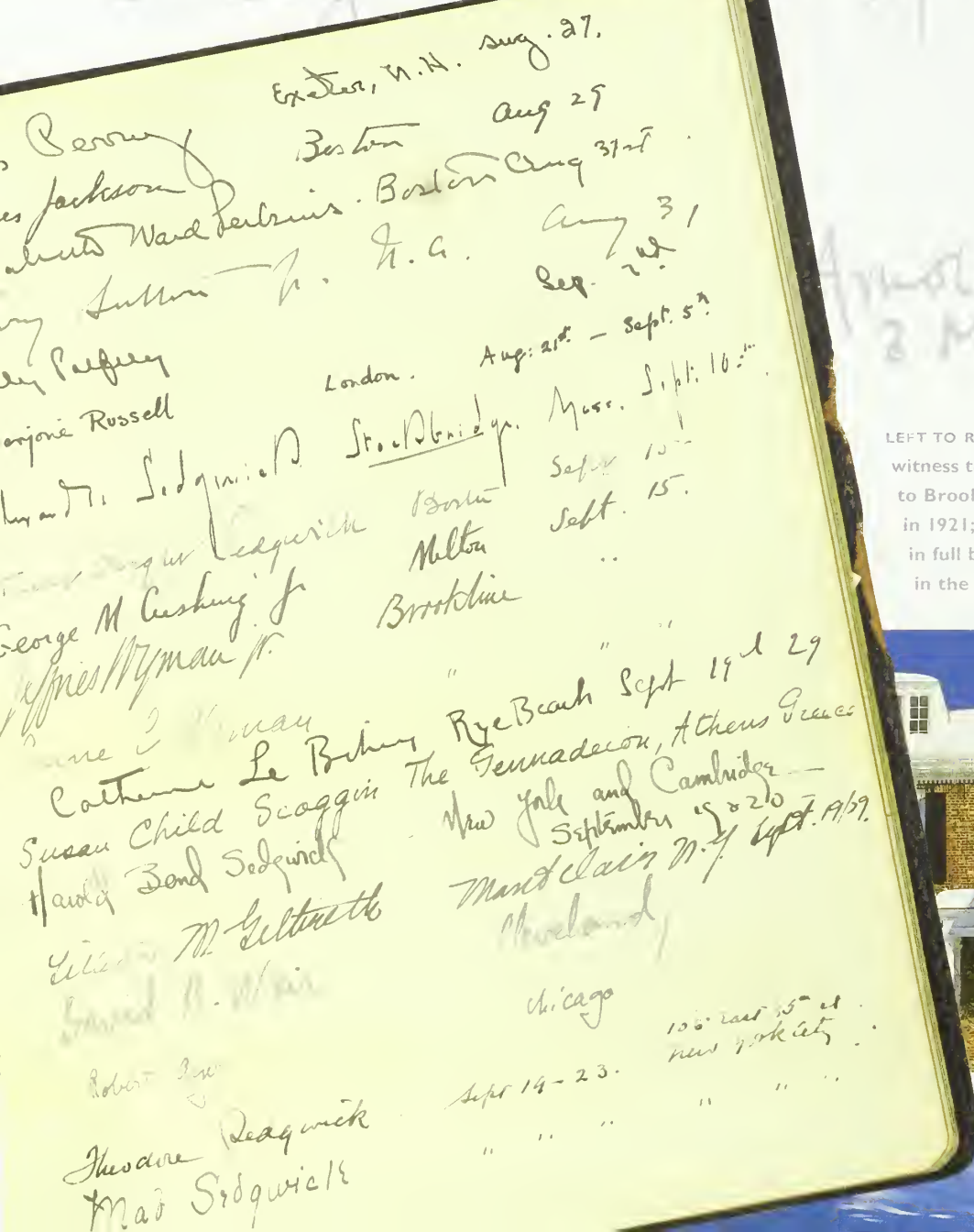
Sedgwick, who purchased the *Atlantic Monthly* in 1908, was living with his wife, Mabel Cabot Sedgwick, and their four children on Boston's Beacon Hill when in 1916 he purchased 114 acres in Beverly. The former agricultural property would be aptly named Long Hill in honor of its gently

sloping terrain. The elegant hilltop home, built five years later, played host to many family members and literary colleagues over the years. In 1923, just a couple of years after the completion of the house, the guest book in our archives records its first visitors.

### PERENNIAL JOYS

Life at Long Hill must have been joyful, intellectual, and entertaining. The family and their visitors enjoyed the outdoors – both the farm and the elegant gardens – as well as relaxing with a book, taking tea on the lawn, and engaging in lively conversation.

Recollections by family members reflect such idyllic scenes, whether they took place indoors, along the network of cartways and footpaths, or within



LEFT TO RIGHT: The Long Hill guest book bears witness to visitors from London to Chicago, Boston to Brookline; the façade of the main house, built in 1921; a glimpse of Long Hill's exquisite gardens in full bloom; Ellery and Mabel Sedgwick pause in the gardens on their way out for a ride.





the exquisite gardens. These elegantly designed outdoor "rooms," for which the property remains justly renowned, must be credited to the two Mrs. Sedgwicks. Mabel Sedgwick, the author of *The Garden Month by Month*, planted and designed the original Long Hill gardens. Marjorie Russell, a longtime family friend who married Sedgwick in 1939 after Mabel's death, was also an accomplished gardener, as well as a propagator of rare plants. She added an array of trees and shrubs not seen previously in New England.

Yet all these lovely environments would have been less so without the presence of the extended Sedgwick family and their guests. Marjorie wrote this endearing account of summers at Long Hill: "Four children grew up in

*the house and filled it with their own friends. The family read a great deal and played games and rode in the many neighborhood trails. The farm was active with animals about the barn and stable.... It was a happy place for children."*

#### LIVING MEMORIES

Although very young at the time, grandson and namesake Ellery Sedgwick III can still recall his grandfather being "animated when he talked or read *Gulliver's Travels* to the children seated on the floor around his feet." He also recalls his fascination with the two cramped attic rooms in which he and his siblings slept, formerly belonging to his father, Ellery, Jr., and his Uncle Cabot, who were once referred to as "Little El and Little Hell."

Granddaughter Irene Briedis, a member of the Long Hill garden committee, recalls childhood picnics at a nearby beach and having tea in the library and on the back porch overlooking the gardens. She also shares her father's recollection of the time when Robert Frost waited in the library for her grandfather.

The Long Hill guest book not only shares the names of those who visited, but the occasional drawing and personal notation. For example, Francis Minturn Sedgwick's sketch of a cowboy on a bucking bronco, dated June 1926, reads, "Ell' – Ride em' cowboy!" A 1929 entry reads, "June 24th the wedding day of Ellery/ The laurel, cedar and box together make the Hill glorious."

As Sedgwick said, "the good life has been the contented life." Today, Long Hill – its glorious gardens, woodland paths, and elegant, book-filled home – continues to provide a peaceful and inspiring place for visitors, literary and otherwise.

*Susan Hill Dolan is Historic Resources Manager for The Trustees' Northeast Region.*





# WINTER EVENTS!

DECEMBER 2007 THROUGH MARCH 2008

Find more to do online - visit us at [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org)

## BERKSHIRES REGION

Saturdays, December - March | 11AM - 4PM

### Hot Chocolate Saturdays

THE HURLBURT HILL, CLARK ROAD, FIELDS  
HOUSE, MASS.

Climb Hurlburt's Hill, then slip, slide, sled, ski, or trek back to the warmth of our Visitor's Center and enjoy complimentary coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. *Members: FREE.*

*Nonmembers: FREE with admission.*

Saturday, February 9 | 3 - 5PM

### Snow and Hot Cocoa

THE FIELD HOUSE, 100 HURLBURT HILL ROAD

Bring your snowshoes or cross-country skis to enjoy the trails and fields at this ideal family event. Then warm up by the fire in the Guest House at Field Farm, drink hot cocoa, and admire the view of Mt. Greylock. *FREE.*

Saturday, March 1 | 1 - 3PM

### Snowshoe to Vermont

UPPER MOUNTAIN MEADOW PRESERVE, 1000  
MOUNTAIN ROAD, VERMONT

Put on your XC skis or snowshoes and slip over the Vermont border to Upper Mountain Meadow Preserve. You'll discover lovely trails and stunning views. *FREE.*

## CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS

### Throughout The Winter Walk the Talk

THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS

The Trustees save the irreplaceable, for everyone, forever. Join us as we visit rarely seen private properties where preservation-minded owners have used conservation restrictions to protect special landscapes. Space is limited.

*Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$15. Visit our website at [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org) or call for locations, dates, and times. Please pre-register.*

## CENTRAL REGION

Wednesday, February 20 | 6 - 8PM

### Full Moon Hike

THE WINTER FOREST, 1000 VERMONT  
ROAD, VERMONT

There's no time like the winter to experience the magic of our lunar neighbor. Hot cocoa provided. Call ahead for weather information. *FREE. Please pre-register.*

Friday, February 22 | 10AM - 2PM

### Children's Winter Adventure

VERMONT STATE MOUNTAIN MUSEUM, 1000  
MOUNTAIN ROAD, VERMONT

Explore the wonders of winter on this kid-sized

educational journey through forest and field with some experienced outdoor educators. Parents are welcome to tag along - otter sliding is not just for kids! *Ages 6 - 11. Members: \$24. Nonmembers: \$30. Please pre-register.*

Saturday, March 1 | 9:30AM - 12NOON

### Wild Mysteries

THE WINTER FOREST, 1000 VERMONT  
ROAD, VERMONT

Together, we'll search for the tracks and signs of our wild friends. Your view of the forest will be forever changed after learning some of the basics of animal tracking. *Recommended for ages 12 and older. Members: \$15. Nonmembers: \$20. Please pre-register.*



February 2 & 3

### Winter Camping at Tully

TULLY LAKE CAMPGROUND, ROYALSTON 978.248.9455

Always wanted to know what your favorite campsite looks like in winter? Bring your warmest sleeping bag and be prepared for New England camping at its finest. Join us for winter survival and tracking activities both days and have a Tully experience you won't forget! *Recommended for ages 12 and older. Members: \$60. Nonmembers: \$75. Reservations and pre-payment required.*





## Holiday Events at the Great House

CASTLE HILL ON THE CRANE ESTATE,  
IPSWICH 978.921.1944 X8815

### Holiday Open House

Friday, December 7 | 4 – 8PM  
Saturday, December 8 | 10AM – 4PM  
Sunday, December 9 | 12NOON – 4PM

### Children's Holiday Party with Santa (ages 2 – 6)

Tuesday & Wednesday, December 11  
& 12 | 3:30 – 5PM

### Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 16 | 3 – 5PM

For details and tickets, please visit  
[www.cranestate.org](http://www.cranestate.org).

Saturday, March 15 | 10AM – 2PM  
**Volunteer Hot Dog Roast**

TULLY LAKE CAMPGROUND  
ROYALSTON 978.248.9433

Bring your work gloves because we'll be building  
fires first! Come help us burn brush out at the  
campground; we'll provide the hot dogs. *FREE.*

## GREATER BOSTON Including Boston Natural Areas Network (BNAN)

January, DATE AND TIME TBA

### Mush the Greenways (BNAN)

POPE JOHN PAUL II PARK, DORCHESTER &  
BELLE ISLE MARSH PRESERVATION, EAST BOSTON  
617.542.7696

You don't have to journey to the Arctic to

enjoy dog sledding this winter! This family-  
friendly event is a perfect way to get to know  
Huskies and Malamutes, learn how to harness  
them, shout sled commands, and even go on  
a short ride. Hosted by Boston Natural Areas  
Network, this event annually attracts hundreds  
of people, whether they choose to "mush"  
or not. *FREE.* Visit [www.bostonnatural.org](http://www.bostonnatural.org) for  
more information. Please pre-register.

Saturday, February 9 | 10AM – 12NOON;  
1 – 3PM

### Snowshoe Clinic

FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN PARK, MAUDSLAND  
JONES 978.666.12

Come float on the snow! You'll learn a little  
about the history of snowshoes before  
strapping on a pair and walking over the river  
and through the woods with ease. Snowshoes  
are provided through a partnership with Eastern  
Mountain Sports. *FREE.* Please pre-register.

Saturday, February 9 | 10 – 11:30AM

### The Path Less Traveled

ANDRE WOODLAND, DORSET 508.785.0339

Join us for a ranger-led hike on lesser known  
trails. Explore the wonders of nature in the  
cold of winter and see if you can stump the  
ranger with questions as you learn more about  
this special place. Bring your snowshoes if  
there's snow! Hot beverages will follow. *Space  
is limited. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$4;  
Child \$2. Please pre-register.*

Sunday, March 1 | 9AM – 12NOON

### Cabin Fever Hike

ROCKY WOODS, MEDFORD 508.781.9138

Get out of the house and onto the trail with  
family, friends, and neighbors. Reacquaint your-  
self with a familiar trail or explore a new one.  
Several trail loops will be recommended. Hot  
beverages will be available. *Members: FREE.  
Nonmembers: Adult \$3; Child (12 and under) FREE.*

March, DATE AND TIME TBA

### Gardeners Gathering (BNAN)

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY BOSTON  
617.542.7696

The state's largest gardening event is hosted  
by Boston Natural Areas Network each  
March, attracting hundreds of community and  
backyard gardeners in search of tips, advice,  
and camaraderie. Most of all, the Gardeners  
Gathering is a place to tap into a large and  
vibrant network of people who like to dig

in the dirt and grow things. This full-day event  
includes workshops and presentations, as well  
as community gardening awards honoring  
individual gardens and gardeners for their  
commitment and success. *FREE.* Visit  
[www.bostonnatural.org](http://www.bostonnatural.org) for more information.

## NORTHEAST REGION

Friday, December 21 | 3:30 – 5PM

### The Farm Nisse of Appleton Farms

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH HAMILTON  
978.921.1944 X8815

Appleton Farms has its own "Nisse" – an  
elf-like creature who lives in our barns and  
protects our farmers, animals, and crops.  
Each year before the holidays, the Farm Nisse  
appears to look for his holiday porridge. Join  
us as we thank the Nisse for bringing luck to  
the farm, offer him porridge, and listen to his  
tales of mischief. While we wait, we'll enjoy  
holiday crafts, caroling, and socializing. *FREE.*  
*Member event. Friends welcome. Please pre-register.*

Sundays, January 6, February 3, March 2

1 – 3PM

### Winter Wildlife Walks

CASTLE HILL, IPSWICH 978.921.1944 X8815

Beyond the beach, a variety of habitats  
makes the Crane Estate an ecological treasure  
and the perfect place for winter strolls.  
*Recommended for ages 12 and older.  
Members: \$4. Nonmembers: \$5. Please pre-register.*

Thursday, January 17 | 5:30 – 7PM

### Owl Moon

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH HAMILTON  
978.921.1944 X8815

Discover things that go "who, who, whooooo"  
under the light of the moon. We'll read aloud  
Jane Yolen's award-winning book *Owl Moon* as  
we prepare to go calling for great horned owls.  
Learn about owls' special features – from silent  
flight to feathered feet. End the evening with  
a warm cup of cocoa in the Carriage Barn.  
*Members: \$4. Nonmembers: \$5. Please pre-register.*

Saturday, January 19 | 8 – 9:30PM

### Weir Hill Moonlight Hike

WEIR HILL, NORTH ANDOVER  
978.921.1944 X8815

Awaken your senses and experience nature  
under the stars with this family-friendly  
moonlight hike (on snowshoes, conditions  
permitting). *Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$5.  
Ages 15 and younger: FREE.*



Volunteers needed!

Saturday, February 2 | 10AM – 12NOON  
**Have You Seen the Groundhog?**

POWELL POINT RESERVATION, FARMINGTON 978 921 1944 X8813

Is it spring yet? Make your guess, and then we'll search our property for the groundhog and other animal and plant signs that predict the arrival of spring! Recommended for families. Members: Adult \$4. Nonmembers: Adult \$5; Children: FREE. Please pre-register.

Saturdays, February 2, 9 | 12NOON – 4PM  
**Ward Winter Fun Day**

WARD RESERVATION, CROSS COUNTRY, LYNN 978 921 1944 X8813

Winter is a delightful season to experience Ward Reservation. Enjoy guided cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, hot chocolate, and cider on this day of winter fun! Contact us about equipment rental. Weather dependent. FREE (donations welcome).

Saturday, February 9 | 9:30 – 11AM  
**Winter Wildlife Prowl**

POWELL POINT RESERVATION, FARMINGTON 978 921 1944 X8813

Explore the snowy grass rides in search of a nesting great horned owl. Discover tracks and signs of our wild winter residents. Learn how local plants and animals adapt to life in the cold. Members: \$4. Nonmembers: \$5. Please pre-register.

Saturday, February 9 | 1 – 3PM  
**Hermit's Tales on the Trails**

RAVENSWOOD RESERVATION, LYNN 978 921 1944 X8813

From 1884 to 1917, Mason A. Walton lived as a hermit in Ravenswood. He closely observed wildlife changes and animal behaviors. Walk in his footsteps to the site of his cabin and along the way we'll share tales from his book, *A Hermit's Wild Friends*. Recommended for families. Members: Adult \$4; Child FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$5; Child \$2. Please pre-register.

Sunday, February 17 | 1 – 3PM  
**Knoll Stroll**

POWELL POINT RESERVATION, FARMINGTON 978 921 1944 X8813

A rare opportunity to visit old stands of hemlock, white pine, and black birch that survived colonial settlers' axes. Recommended for ages 12 and older. Members: \$4. Nonmembers: \$5. Please pre-register.

Tuesdays, February 19 & March 18  
3 – 4:15PM

**Cows in their Winter Home**

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH/HAMILTON 978 921 1944 X8813

When snow covers our pastures, the Appleton dairy herd loafs around the farmstead. Visit the cows up close and watch the afternoon milking. Members: \$4. Nonmembers: \$5. Please pre-register.

Wednesday, February 20 | 5:30 – 7:30PM  
**Full Moon Foray**

RAVENSWOOD RESERVATION, LYNN 978 921 1944 X8813

The moonlit woodlands in wintertime provide walkers a magical view of this special place and a rewarding view of the full moon. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$5. Please pre-register.

Friday, February 15 | 7 – 9PM  
**Seaside Stargazing**

COQUIDJES RESERVATION, MANCHESTER 978 921 1944 X8813

Do you know the difference between a star and a planet? View Mars, Saturn, and the year's brightest stars, including Orion and other basic constellations, in the clear winter night sky through powerful telescopes. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$5. Please pre-register.

Saturday, February 23 | 10AM – 2PM  
**Orchard Pruning Workshop**

THE SEVENTEEN COOLIDGE PLACE, NORTH ANDOVER 978 921 1944 X8813

Join us as we begin the annual tradition of pruning our historic orchard (with hands-on instruction on apple tree pruning included). All equipment provided. Limited to eight people. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$5. Please pre-register.

Sunday, February 24 | 1 – 3PM  
**Berries, Bark, and Branching**

LONG HILL BEVERLY 978 921 1944 X8813

This winter walk through Sedgwick's Garden of glorious woody plants introduces winter's colors, textures, and structures and will inspire you to bring your winter garden to life. Recommended for ages 12 and older. Members: \$4. Nonmembers: \$5. Please pre-register.

Saturday, March 15 | 10AM & 2PM  
**The Great House: Hot and Cold**

CASTLE HILL IPSWICH 978 921 1944 X8813

A two-hour, behind-the-scenes tour of the Great House at Castle Hill, featuring attic-to-basement elements related to the heating,

lighting, and plumbing of the house. Come see the furnace, 16 fireplaces, laundry room, cold room, refrigerator room, steam tables, network of bathrooms, the cupola, and roof (weather permitting). Light refreshments will be served. Recommended for ages 10 and older. Members: \$12. Nonmembers: \$15. Each tour is limited to 10 participants. Please pre-register.

Saturday, March 22 | 8 – 10AM  
**Marsh Meander**

CASTLE HILL IPSWICH 978 921 1944 X8813

Celebrate the vernal equinox by enjoying our coastal treasure, viewing scenic salt marsh vistas, and exploring historic sites that reveal bygone times. Members: \$4. Nonmembers: \$5. Please pre-register.

## PIONEER VALLEY REGION

Granville: Wednesday, January 16 | 7 – 9PM  
(SNOW DATE: January 17)

Worthington: Wednesday, January 23 | 7 – 9PM  
(SNOW DATE: January 24)

**Stone Walls & Cellar Holes:  
Finding Farming's Past**

GRANVILLE TOWN HALL 413.268.8219  
WORTHINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
413.268.8219

Explore the old farmsteads hidden away in the Highlands' forests and learn about New England's early farms and farmers. FREE.

Saturday, February 2 | Call for time & location  
**The Soulful Landscape Writing  
Retreat with Erica Wheeler**

LUMMINGTON 413.268.8219

Explore and renew your creative relationship to the land and learn to express it. Writers of all kinds welcome. Members: \$8. Nonmembers: \$10. Please pre-register.

Saturday, March 8 | 10AM – 12NOON  
**That Log Has Potential:  
Growing Your Own Mushrooms**

NOTCHVIEW RESERVATION, WINDSOR 413.268.8219

Learn to grow your own shiitake mushrooms. You'll take home an inoculated log that will yield hundreds of mushrooms for years to come. Members: \$20. Nonmembers: \$25. Please pre-register.



Volunteers needed!





# Ski & Snowshoe at Notchview

## 2007-08 WINTER RATES

When the snow flies at Notchview — and it can! — by heavy and deep at this Nordic center high on a Windsor hogline — cross-country skiers and snowshoers gambol across its 10km of carefully kept snowshoe trails. So hit the trail early, then stop by a warming hut before returning to the Board Visitor Center "base camp."

For more information call 413.684.0148.

	MEMBERS	NONMEMBERS
Members*	FREE	Adults \$10.00, Children \$5.00
Guests*	\$10.00	\$15.00
Family*	\$20.00	\$30.00
Corporate*	\$100.00	\$150.00
Student*	\$5.00	\$10.00
Senior*	\$5.00	\$10.00
Child*	\$2.50	\$5.00
Infant*	\$1.00	\$2.50
Preschool*	\$2.50	\$5.00
Adult*	\$10.00	\$15.00
Child*	\$5.00	\$10.00
Infant*	\$2.50	\$5.00
Preschool*	\$2.50	\$5.00

\*MEMBERSHIP IS A COMMITMENT TO THE SPORTS AND SOCIETY OF THE AREA.

Throughout the Winter

### Women's Nordic Ski Clinics

CALL 413.684.0148 OR JEANNE MANGAN AT 413.634.2123

Improve your skills and fitness in an encouraging environment.

For advanced-beginner through intermediate levels. Limited to eight women per clinic. Members \$40. Nonmembers \$50. Please pre-register.

Sundays | 2 – 4PM

### Bill Koch Youth Ski League

CALL CHRIS DEFRANCIS AT 413.584.1128

For children ages 3 – 14 and their parents. Learn how to ski and have fun with a group. Trustees members only. Additional league fee.

Saturday, December 22 | 9AM. ADDITIONAL DATES TBA.

### Berkshire Trails Nordic Race Series

This informal, low-key race series sponsored by the Berkshire Trails Nordic Ski Club includes classical and freestyle events at 5km and 10km distances. Members \$10. Berkshire Trails Members \$10. Members of The Trustees and Berkshire Trails FREE. Nonmembers \$25.

Saturday, January 12 | 10AM – 3PM

### Winter Trails Day

Join us to mark the "Winter Feels Good" campaign, aimed at getting people outside to exercise in winter. Free snowshoe rentals and ski lessons. Ski rentals can also be arranged. Regular trail fees apply.

Sunday, January 27, and Monday, February 18 | 7 – 9PM

### Moonlight Skiing

This traditional Nordic ski event and Notchview favorite is a great way to see the woods in a different light and to make some new friends. Stay for cider, popcorn, and conversation after the ski. Members FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$10. Child \$5.

Sunday, February 10 | 1 – 3PM

### Snowshoe Hike

This casual snowshoe hike will explore the Hume tract. Rental snowshoes will be available. Members FREE. Nonmembers \$10.

Saturday, March 8 | 9AM

### Bread 'n' Jam Ski Race

Win home-baked goods and even some homemade jam at this ever-popular 10km classical-style race. Open to all. Members \$10. Berkshire Trails Members \$10. Members of The Trustees and Berkshire Trails FREE. Nonmembers \$20.

DATES AND TIMES TBA FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS.

### Berkshire League High School Races

Trails will be clear for skiing by 12NOON.

### US Collegiate Ski Association Races

Trails will be open for skiing during the races.





Saturday, December 15 | 1 – 4PM

## Raise The Wreath

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM

781.740.4796

After a short hike to sustainably harvest evergreens, you can help make our barn wreath and leave with a centerpiece for your own holiday table. Refreshments served. Space limited. *Members: \$3. Nonmembers: \$5. Please pre-register.*

## PUTNAM CONSERVATION INSTITUTE

Saturday, March 29 | 8AM – 4:30PM

### 18th Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference

WORK CENTER TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL  
WORK LOCATOR: 918.341.4446  
PISCATAWAY, NJ 08854

Learn the nuts and bolts of what it takes to conserve land for everyone, forever. Join novice and long-time conservationists for a wide array of workshops on the legal, financial, political, and social realities of land conservation. This conference sold out last year, so be sure to register early. Co-sponsored by The Trustees and Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition.

*Please pre-register; \$35.*

## SOUTHEAST REGION

Mondays and Tuesdays | 10AM

### Cross-Country Skiing Club

WORKER OUT RIVERHILL, VERMONT

Our rangers will introduce you to a new place, new people, and a new way to enjoy the snowy season. Program is weather-dependent and intended for beginners.

*Members: FREE. Nonmembers: FREE with admission. Please pre-register.*

Thursday, December 13 | 6:30 – 8PM

### Children's Winter Program Registration

HINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY  
781.740.4796

This is your first opportunity to sign up your child for winter sessions of **Snowflakes** or **Ecosplorations**. For more information, please consult [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org).

### Snowflakes – Winter Preschool Outings

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.4796

Bundle up and come outside! With a story and a hike we will explore our properties for the sometimes mysterious signs of winter life. *Please call to pre-register and for prices.*

(AGES 2 – 5) Wednesdays, January 9,  
16, 23, 30; February 6 | 10 – 11AM

### Ecosplorations – Winter Afterschool Program

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.4796

Winter doesn't have to be a break from exploring! Join us for this unique afterschool experience where we sharpen our observation skills in order to uncover the history and ecology of our properties. *Members: \$40. Nonmembers: \$55. Please pre-register.*

(AGES 5 & 6) Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29;  
February 5 | 3:30 – 5PM

(AGES 7 – 10) Wednesdays, January 9, 16, 23,  
30; February 6 | 3:30 – 5PM

Thursday, February 21 | 6:30 – 8:30PM

### Mid-Winter Hues – The Art of Dried Floral Arranging

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.4796

Using dried flowers from the farm, floral designer Bette Kelley will lead a workshop to help trade the winter blues for the bright colors of summer. *Members: \$10. Nonmembers: \$12. Please pre-register.*

Tuesday – Thursday, February 19 – 21

9AM – 12NOON

### February Vacation Program

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.4796

Vacation equals exploration! With a fresh dusting of snow we can look at the land and who is living here in a whole new light. For ages 6 – 9. *Members: \$75. Nonmembers: \$90. Please pre-register.*

January or February (DATE TBA) | 9 – 11AM

### Cross-Country Skiing

EAST OVER RESERVATION, HOLISTON  
508.875.4115

The wide-open fields and relatively flat terrain at East Over Reservation make it an ideal spot for skiers of all ages and abilities. Come see another side of the reservation by exploring the varied habitats of this inspiring landscape in winter. Ski rentals available. Weather dependent. *FREE. Please pre-register to receive a phone call confirming the date.*



Thursday, March 6 | 6:30 – 8PM  
**Children's Spring Program**  
**Registration**

HIGHAM PUBLIC WORKS WARDEN  
 TEL: 413.458.3135

This is your first opportunity to sign your child up for **Spring Outings, Ecosplorations, and April Vacation Programs**. For more information consult our website at [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org).

**Spring Outings**

WORLD'S END WALK OVER FARM HINCHFIELD  
 NORTON ROAD WALKING SOCIETY TEL: 781.740.8794

Early spring is the perfect time to connect with your child while they connect to these special places. Be surprised at the natural wonders waiting at a variety of our local properties. **Members: \$40. Nonmembers: \$55.**  
*Please pre-register.*

(AGES 2 & 3) Tuesdays, March 11, 18, 25;  
 April 1, 8 | 10 – 11:30AM

(AGES 4 & 5) Wednesdays, March 12,  
 19, 26; April 2, 9 | 10 – 11:30AM

**Ecosplorations – Spring**  
**Afterschool Program**

WORLD'S END WALK OVER FARM HINCHFIELD  
 TURKEY HILL HINCHAMPTON HASSSET TEL: 781.740.8794

As the buds start to reappear on the trees, it's time to get back outside to explore our properties during this unique afterschool experience. **Members: \$40. Nonmembers: \$55.**  
*Please pre-register.*

(AGES 5 & 6) Wednesdays, March 12,  
 19, 26; April 2, 9 | 3:30 – 5PM

(AGES 7 – 10) Tuesdays, March 11, 18,  
 25; April 1, 8 | 3:30 – 5PM

Saturday, January 5 | 1 – 3PM  
**Amazing Adaptations**

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BIODIVERSITY  
 FALL RIVER 508.679.2115

Explore the amazing adaptations that help living things survive the coldest months of the year on this guided walk. The trees of New England's forests have developed ways to endure the winter months, while animals have their own strategies for staying warm, finding food, and avoiding predators. **FREE. Please pre-register.**

Saturday, January 19 | 9 – 11AM  
**Animal Tracking**

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BIODIVERSITY  
 FALL RIVER 508.679.2115

Join Bill Sampson, senior keeper at the Buttonwood Park Zoo, to learn the art of tracking animals in winter. While a few animals

head south or hibernate away the winter months, most stay in New England and remain active all year. Rabbit, deer, fox, coyote, turkey, and fisher are just some of the animals whose tracks may be seen. **FREE. Please pre-register.**

Sunday, February 3 | 1 – 3PM  
**Slocum's River Long Walk**

WORLD'S END WALK OVER FARM HINCHFIELD  
 NORTON ROAD WALKING SOCIETY TEL: 781.740.8794

Before the Super Bowl kickoff, get outside and stretch your legs on this 4.5-mile walk from Slocum's River to the Buzzards Bay Brewery in Westport with Trustees superintendent Mike Labossiere. **FREE. Please pre-register.**

Saturday, March 1 | 9AM – 12NOON  
**Nest Box Building**  
**and Monitoring**

WESTPORT TOWN FARM WESTPORT  
 508.679.2115

The open fields of the Westport Town Farm provide ideal nesting habitat for grassland birds such as eastern bluebirds. We need volunteers to assemble and install nest boxes as well as monitor them regularly during the spring and early summer. Join Shelli Perry from the Westport River Watershed Alliance and learn how you can participate in this ongoing project to bring back the blues. **FREE. Please pre-register.**

Saturday, March 29 | 7 – 8PM  
**Woodcock Wanderings**

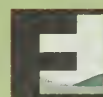
SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BIODIVERSITY  
 FALL RIVER 508.679.2115

Some guys will go to great lengths to get a girl's attention. On this guided walk with Tom Athearn of Green Futures, we'll witness the spring dance of the American woodcock. This normally reclusive bird puts on a spectacular mating display combining distinct calls and precision flying – and he does it again and again until he gets the girl. **FREE. Please pre-register.**

Late March or early April, (DATE TBA)  
 9 – 10PM  
**Salamander Soirée**

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BIODIVERSITY  
 FALL RIVER 508.679.2115

On the first warm, rainy night of the year, spotted salamanders and wood frogs emerge from their underground wintering spots and make their way en masse to nearby vernal pools to mate and lay their eggs. Join us on a spontaneous walk to catch a glimpse of these secretive amphibians. **FREE. Please pre-register to receive a phone call before the walk.**



THE GUEST HOUSE AT  
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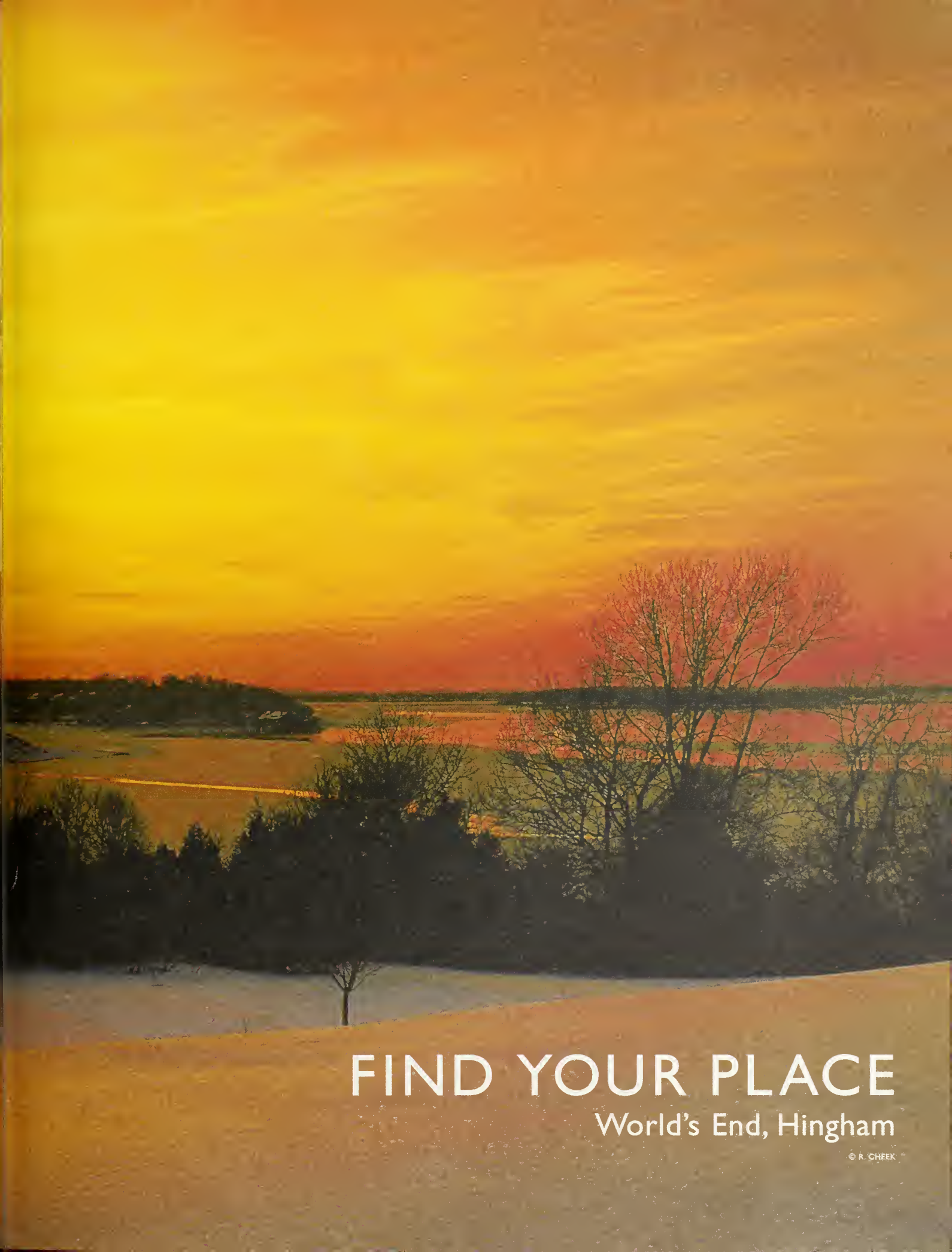
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